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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2151

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: G. OPIE
MASANORI WAKAI, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2151
Application No.: 09/038,983)
: Filed: March 12, 1998)
: For: INFORMATION)
: PROCESSING APPARATUS)
: FOR STORING)
: PROCESSING HYSTERESIS)
: DATA, AND METHOD)
: THEREFOR)
: January 11, 2002

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

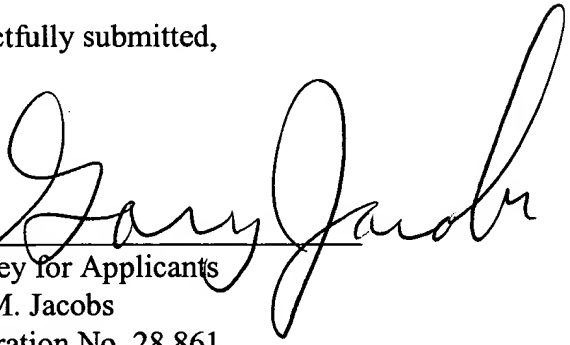
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to further extend the time for response to the Official Action dated April 11, 2001 for one additional month from December 11, 2001 to January 11, 2002. Applicants previously filed a Petition for Extension of Time for three-months on October 11, 2001 along with a Notice of Appeal.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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